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**FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION**

**[OMB 3060-0422]**

**Information Collections Being Reviewed by the Federal Communications Commission**

**AGENCY:** Federal Communications Commission.

**ACTION:** Notice and request for comments.

**SUMMARY:** As part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork burdens, and as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (PRA), the Federal Communications Commission (FCC or Commission) invites the general public and other Federal agencies to take this opportunity to comment on the following information collections. Comments are requested concerning: whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the Commission, including whether the information shall have practical utility; the accuracy of the Commission's burden estimate; ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information collected; ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on the respondents, including the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology; and ways to further reduce the information collection burden on small business concerns with fewer than 25 employees.

The FCC may not conduct or sponsor a collection of information unless it displays a currently valid Office of Management and Budget (OMB) control number. No person shall be subject to any penalty for failing to comply with a collection of information subject to the PRA that does not display a valid OMB control number.

**DATES:** Written comments should be submitted on or before **[INSERT DATE 60 DAYS AFTER DATE OF PUBLICATION IN FEDERAL REGISTER]**. If you anticipate that you will be submitting comments but find it difficult to do so within the period of time allowed by this notice, you should advise the contacts below as soon as possible.

**ADDRESSES:** Direct all PRA comments to Cathy Williams, FCC, via email: [PRA@fcc.gov](mailto:PRA@fcc.gov) and to [Cathy.Williams@fcc.gov](mailto:Cathy.Williams@fcc.gov).

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** For additional information about the information collection, contact Cathy Williams at (202) 418-2918.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

**OMB Control Number:** 3060-0422.

**Title:** Section 68.5, Waivers (Application for Waivers of Hearing Aid Compatibility Requirements).

**Form Number:** N/A.

**Type of Review:** Revision of a currently approved collection.

**Respondents:** Business or other for-profit entities.

**Number of Respondents and Responses:** 2 respondents; 2 responses.

**Estimated Time per Response:** 3 hours.

**Frequency of Response:** On occasion reporting requirement.

**Obligation to Respond:** Required to obtain or retain benefits. The statutory authority for this information collection is contained in 47 U.S.C. 610.

**Total Annual Burden:** 6 hours.

**Total Annual Cost:** None.

**Nature and Extent of Confidentiality:** An assurance of confidentiality is not offered because this information collection does not require the collection of personally identifiable information from individuals.

**Privacy Impact Assessment:** No impact(s).

**Needs and Uses:** Telephone manufacturers seeking a waiver of 47 CFR 68.4(a)(1), which requires that certain telephones be hearing aid compatible, must demonstrate that compliance with the rule is technologically infeasible or too costly. Information is used by FCC staff to determine whether to grant or dismiss the request. Prior to (and after) the adoption of FCC 17-135, manufacturers could request waivers for wireline telephones connected to the public switched telephone network. Pursuant to FCC 17-135, waivers may also be requested for wireline advanced communications services telephonic

customer premises equipment (ACS telephonic CPE), which includes wireline telephones used for Voice over Internet Protocol (VoIP).

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